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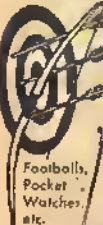
**JUNIOR SPACE PILOTS  
ON THE BEAM!**

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**BOYS! GIRLS!  
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**WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!**

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COUPON**



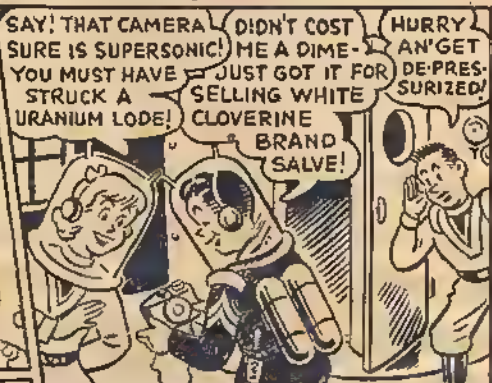
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**JUMPIN'  
JUPITER!  
YOU'RE SURE  
SIZZLING TH'  
OL' ROCKET  
TODAY, TEP!**

**I'M IN A HURRY TO GET  
BACK TO OUR EARTH BASE.  
PENNY, THE MAIL MAN'S BRING-  
ING MY NEW CAMERA!**



**SAY! THAT CAMERA  
SURE IS SUPERSONIC!  
YOU MUST HAVE  
STRUCK A  
URANIUM LOSE!**

**DIDN'T COST  
ME A DIME -  
JUST GOT IT FOR  
SELLING WHITE  
CLOVERINE  
BRAND  
SALVE!**

**HURRY  
AN' GET  
DE-PRES-  
SURIZED!**



**I'VE EARNED A SWELL RADIO  
AND A TELESCOPE TOO!  
IT'S EASY SELLING TO  
YOUR FRIENDS - AND YOU  
GIVE 'EM THESE SWELL ART  
PICTURES -**

**THAT'S  
FOR ME!**



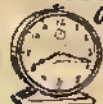
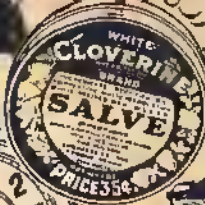
**OUTTA MY JET TRAIL, MATES - I'M MAILING  
THE COUPON FOR THAT BIG NEW  
PREMIUM CATALOG NOW!**

**WE ARE RELIABLE!**

Cameras, Corn Poppers, Speedball  
Cartoon Sets, Aluminum Ware,  
Blankets (sent postage paid), Mail  
coupon (at SALVE and pictures to start).

**ACT NOW**

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Watches,  
Lovable  
Dolls.



**OUR 58th YEAR**

Alarm Clocks,  
Pen & Pencil  
Sets, etc.,  
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coupon.

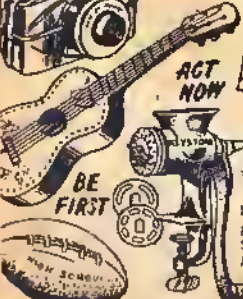


**MAIL COUPON!  
GET BIG CATALOG!**

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Telescopes, Watches (sent postage  
paid). SIMPLY GIVE pictures with  
White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE  
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pan to start!

**LET'S  
GO!**

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**ACT  
NOW**

**BE  
FIRST**

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pers, Carving  
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**LOOK!**

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scopes (sent postage  
paid), Boys', Girls' Bi-  
cycles (express  
chgs. collect).

**ACT  
NOW!**

**WE TRUST  
YOU!**

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Rifles, Arch-  
ery Sets, School  
Boxes, Wallsets.

Mail coupon for  
SALVE and  
pictures to start.

Boys',  
Girls' Wrist  
Watches,  
Baking Sets,  
Typewriters,  
etc.

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Dresser  
Sets, Cook  
Books, etc.

**ACT NOW!**

**WE  
TRUST YOU!**

**MAIL NOW!**

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TED TEMPLER...A HUMDRUM GUY WITH A HUMDRUM JOB LIKE COUNTLESS OTHERS HAD FOUND A WAY TO ESCAPE THE DRABNESS OF HIS EXISTENCE, IN THE SCREAMING HEADLINES OF THE BIG CITY'S NEWSPAPERS: THIS IS HIS STORY... A STRANGE TALE OF A MAN WITH MANY LIVES...

# "The SLASHER!"



ONE DAY HE WAS A FAMOUS SOCIALITE...

SO GLAD YOU COULD COME!

OH, WE COULDN'T MISS ONE OF TED TEMPLER'S PARTIES!

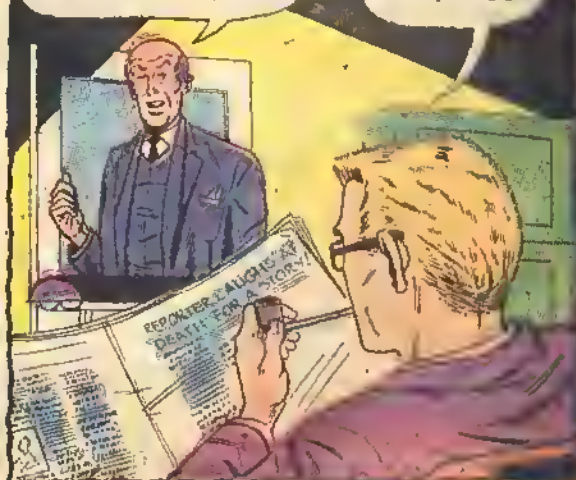
PLAYBOY OPENS SOCIAL SEASON WITH BALL



THE NEXT DAY HE WAS A DARING REPORTER...

WELL, YOU CAME THROUGH FOR US AGAIN, TED!

ROUTINE TO ME, BOSS!

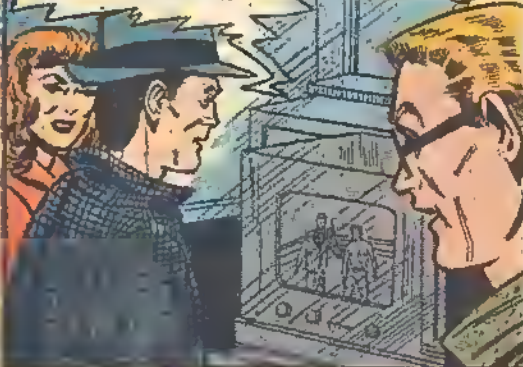




YES, TED TEMPLER LIVED COUNTLESS LIVES,  
ABSORBING LIKE A SPONGE THOSE PERSONALITIES  
WHOM HE HEARD... OR SAW...

FRIENDS, YOU HAVE JUST  
SEEN AN EXHIBITION BY  
THE WORLD'S GREATEST  
JUDO EXPERT...

WHAT IF  
I WERE A  
JUDO  
EXPERT...?



I'D MAKE PEOPLE  
LOOK UP TO ME... I'D...

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE  
GOIN' BUSTER!

UH... SORRY!



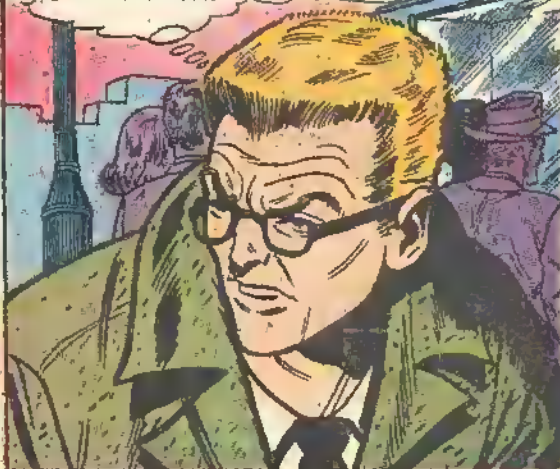
WHY...  
I JUST...

YOU JUST KEEP  
GOIN' BEFORE YOU  
GET HURT!

TELL 'IM,  
JACK!



THAT BIG PUNK!... AND THE WAY  
THAT GIRL LOOKED AT ME... LIKE  
I WAS DIRT!



WHY, WITH MY JUDO  
I COULD KILL HIM!



DON'T HURT ME  
AGAIN... PLEASE!

YOU'RE  
WONDERFUL,  
TED!

THAT'LL TEACH  
HIM TO PLAY  
AROUND WITH  
TED TEMPLER,  
THE WORLD'S  
GREATEST JUDO  
EXPERT!





EVEN ON THE JOB, TED PURSUED THE HEADLINES.

...AND FOR HIS WORK ON THE CRIME, PATROLMAN BANNA WAS PERSONALLY COMMENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER.



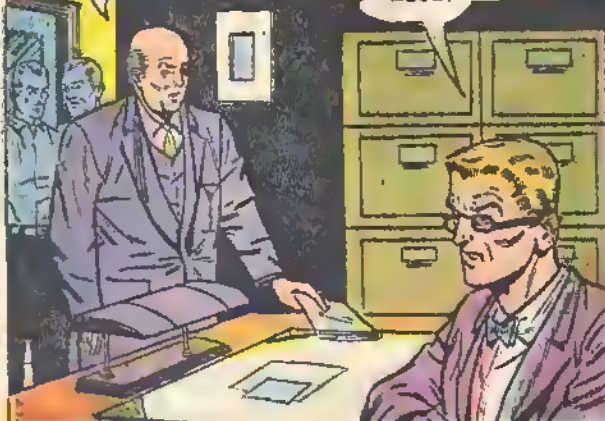
FOR YOUR BRAVERY, PATROLMAN TEMPLER, I AWARD YOU THIS MEDAL AND THE RANK OF SERGEANT!

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER!



TEMPLER, I'D LIKE TO HAVE THESE REPORTS OUT TONIGHT!

YES SIR, COMMISSIONER... EH, UH, YES SIR, MR. WILLIAMS! I...UH...WAS THINKING OF SOMETHING ELSE!



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, TED? DOWN AT CITY HALL?

MAYBE TED THINKS HE'S THIS HERO COP! HA! HA!



THE FOOLS! LET THEM LAUGH. SOMEDAY, I'LL SHOW THEM!



THAT NIGHT, STILL SMOLDERING FROM THE TAUNTS OF HIS FELLOW WORKERS, TED TRIED TO LOSE HIMSELF IN THE LATEST HEADLINES.

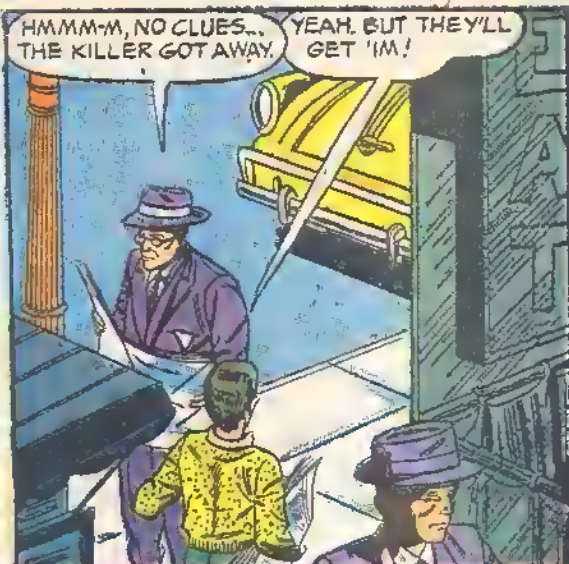
DAYLIGHT BANDIT SHOTS DOWN TWO PERSONS IN DARING ROBBERY.



SOME PEOPLE SHOULD BE SHOT! I WONDER HOW IT FEELS TO REALLY KILL SOMEBODY!



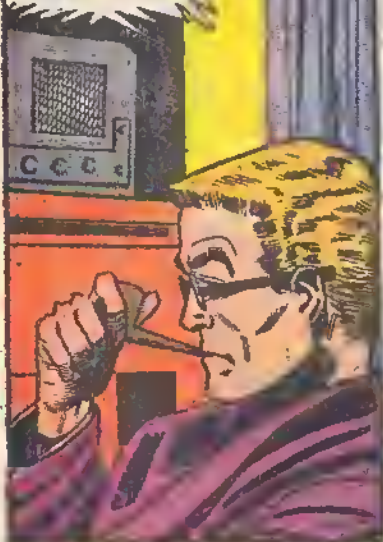






AND SINCE THE POLICE HAVE FAILED SO DISMALLY TO CATCH THE SLASHER, MAYBE SOME PRIVATE CITIZEN CAN COME FORWARD WITH SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION!

WHAT IF I CAUGHT THE SLASHER!



TRY TO MAKE TED TEMPLER YOUR VICTIM EH? I'LL JUST TAKE THAT KNIFE...



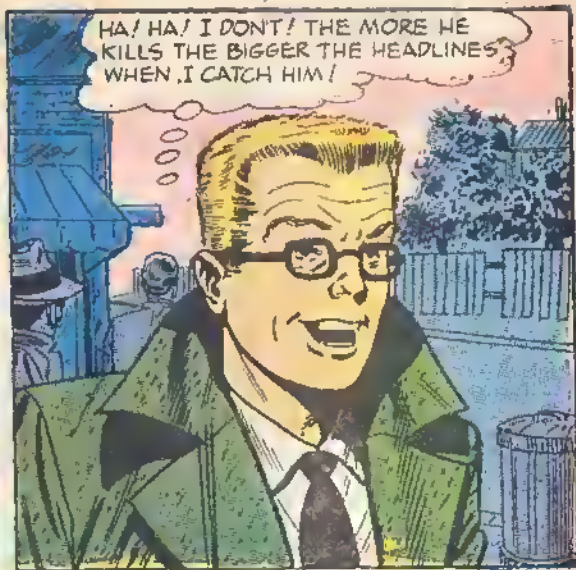
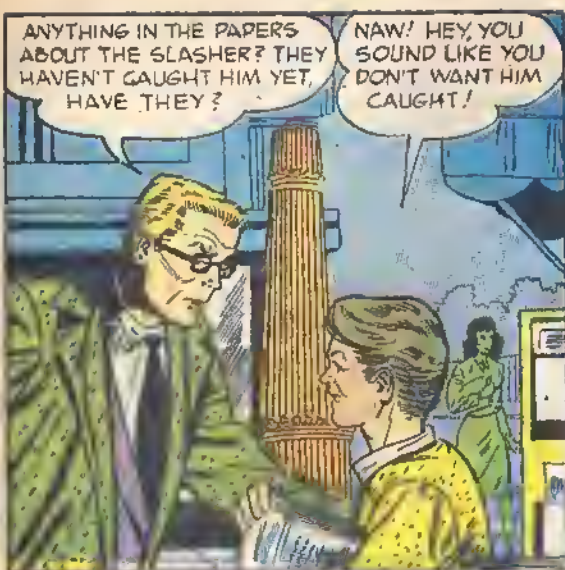
WHAT WOULD THE SLASHER LOOK LIKE? HEAVY BROWS, PROBABLY, THIN LIPS... WILD EYES...



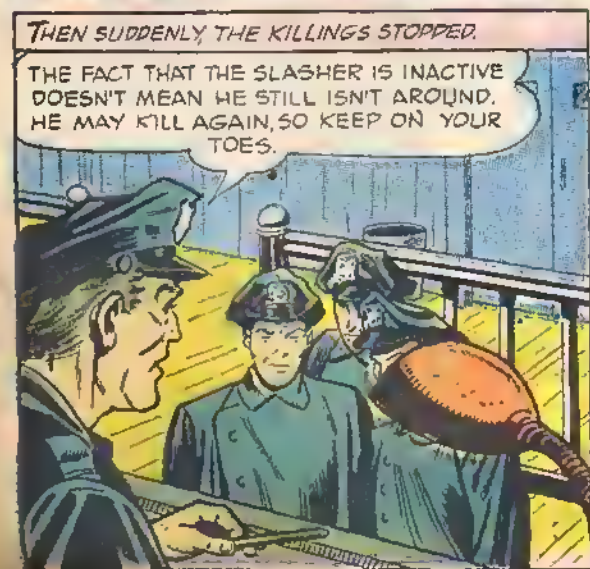
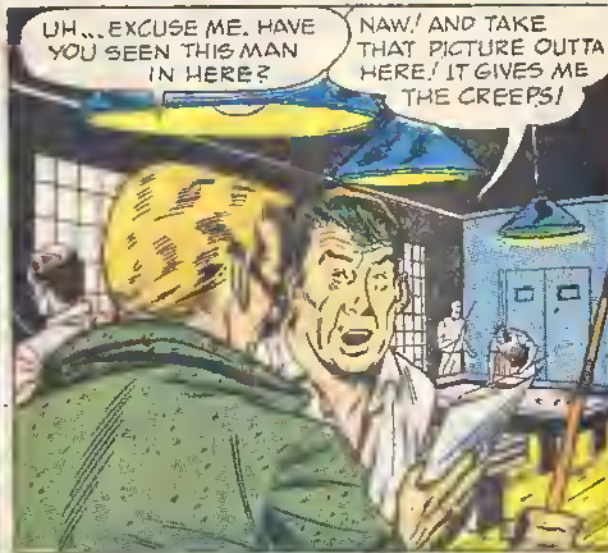
YES! THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHAT THE SLASHER LOOKS LIKE!







OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA OF THE SLASHER, TED HAUNTS THE STREETS LOOKING FOR THE FACE THAT WOULD RESEMBLE HIS SKETCH.





I NEED EXCITEMENT! I HAVEN'T HAD A DATE FOR A LONG TIME... THINK I'LL GO TO THE GRAND LAND DANCE HALL!



HMM-M... BETTER SHAVE. I'LL TREAT MYSELF TO ONE IN A BARBER SHOP. IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT... I'LL SPLURGE!



I SEE YOUR SHADES ARE DRAWN. IS IT TOO LATE TO GET A SHAVE? NO. GET IN THAT CHAIR. I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU.



CLOSING HIS EYES, TED RELAXED IN THE CHAIR...

I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS SO LATE...



IT IS ALWAYS LATER THAN WE THINK... YOU MUST AGREE TO THAT!



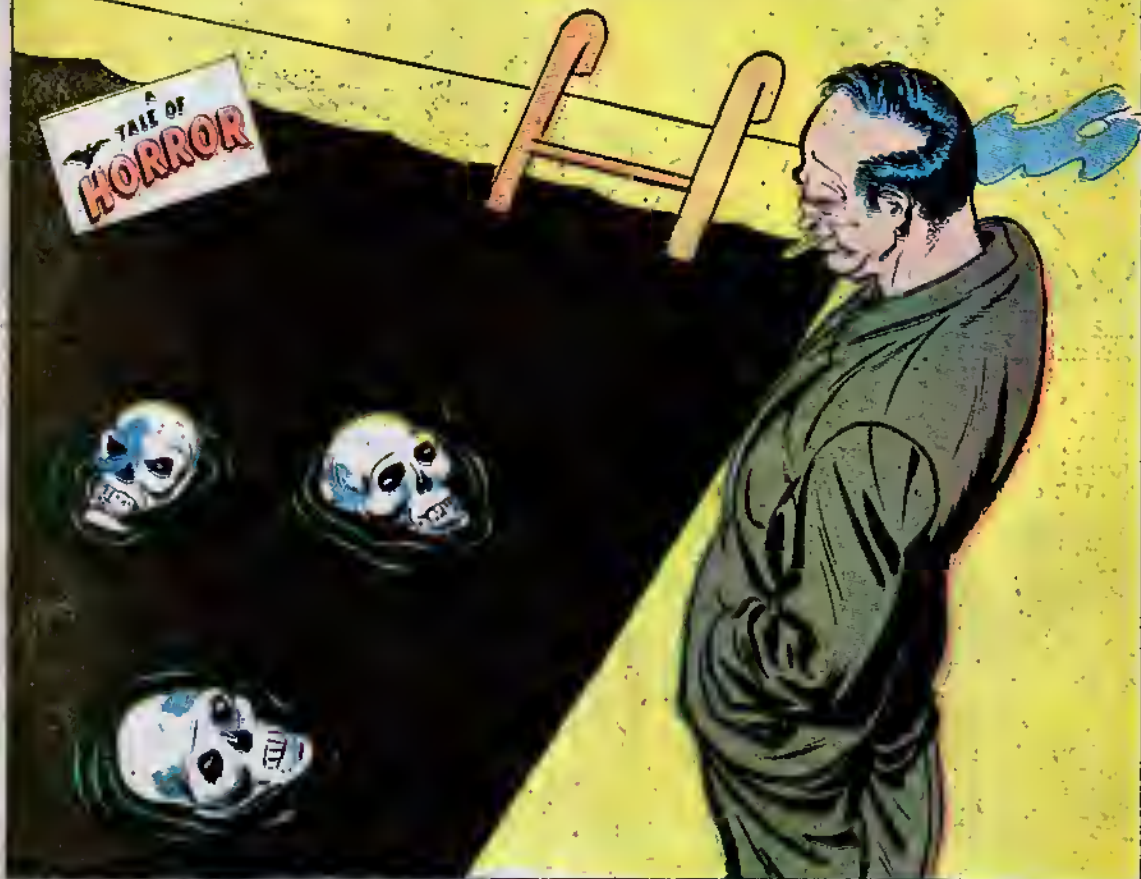
TED OPENED HIS EYES TO REPLY.....





# POOL OF THE SKELETONS

IT WAS TO BE A FABULOUS WEEK-END HOUSE PARTY... BUT INSTEAD OF GAYETY THERE WAS DEATH... INSTEAD OF LAUGHTER, THERE WAS THE RATTLE OF GHOSTLY BONES...



TO THREE PEOPLE CAME THE UNEXPECTED EXCITING INVITATIONS... TO FRANK KENDALL AND HIS WIFE, ANN...

IMAGINE FRANK AN INVITATION FROM AVERY LAWTON TO SPEND THE WEEK END AT SEVEN P.M.

IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC ENOUGH IF A MAN OF HIS POSITION WERE TO INVITE JUST A COUPLE OF NO-BODIES... BUT WHEN YOU THINK OF THE WAY HE FELT ABOUT US WHEN WE LAST SAW HIM, IT'S ALMOST INCREDIBLE!



AND TO ROD BAKER!

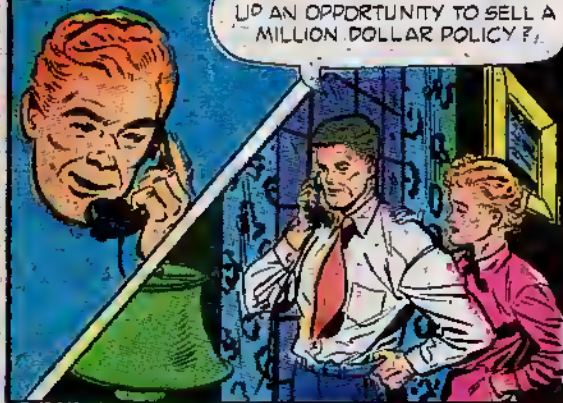
AN INVITE FROM LAWTON! HOLY COW! WAIT! I TELL FRANK AND ANN ABOUT THIS!





WHAT... YOU GOT ONE TOO? WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE CAME OVER AVERY TO FORGIVE AND FORGET AFTER ALL THESE YEARS?

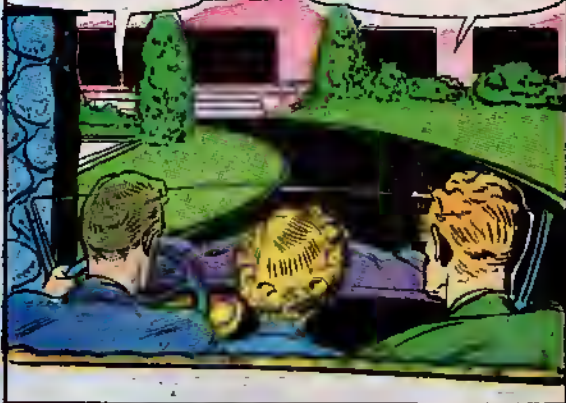
SEARCH ME! BUT ANN SAYS SHE'D NEVER FORGIVE HERSELF IF SHE DIDN'T GRAB THE CHANCE TO SPEND A WEEK-END AT SEVEN PINES! AS FOR ME... EVER HEAR OF AN INSURANCE BROKER PASSING UP AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELL A MILLION DOLLAR POLICY?



BLITHELY, THE THREE SIMPLE HEARTED PEOPLE SET OUT TOGETHER THAT FRIDAY, AND AT DUSK THEY WERE DRIVING INTO SEVEN PINES...

WHEW! WHAT A PLACE! IMAGINE, UGLY, PUNY LITTLE AVERY OWNING ALL THIS!

ROD, BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU SAY! THIS WON'T BE THE AVERY WE KNEW IN COLLEGE, YOU KNOW.



ROD AVERY LAWTON WAS HARDLY THE BOY ANN, FRANK AND ROD HAD KNOWN IN COLLEGE. AND AT THAT MOMENT HE WAS WATCHING HIS GUEST ARRIVE...

HERE THEY COME. THE THREE NONENTITIES WHO ONCE DESPISED ME... HERE THEY COME IN A CHEAP LITTLE CAR TO WITNESS MY WEALTH, MY ACHIEVEMENT.

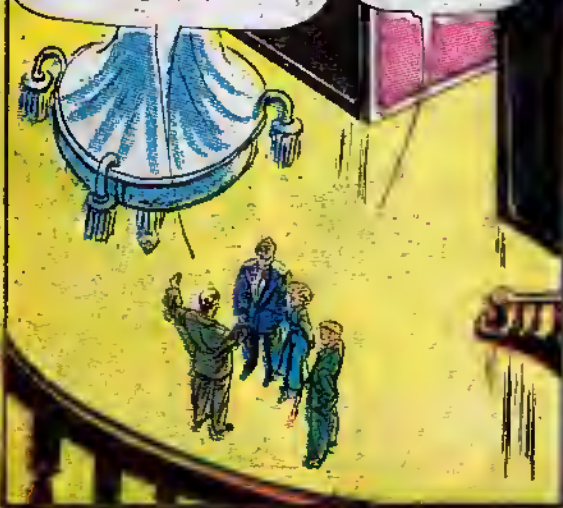


TONIGHT THEY WILL LEARN WHAT I HAVE MADE OF MYSELF... AND TOMORROW WILL BE THE DAY I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO FOR TWENTY YEARS!



ANN... FRANK... ROD... IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

AVERY... IT'S BEEN YEARS!



YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER, ANN! MORE SO IF ANYTHING!

OH, AVERY YOU ALWAYS HAD AN EXAGGERATED OPINION OF ME!







AND FRANK, THE BOY WHO WAS SO GOOD-LOOKING, I DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE OF WINNING ANN IN COMPETITION WITH HIM! HAVE YOU MADE ANN HAPPY, FRANK?

I'VE TRIED TO, AVERY! WHAT MORE CAN A MAN DO?



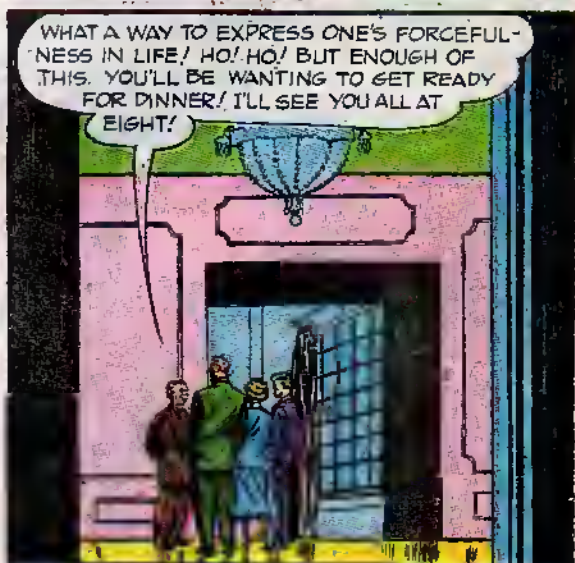
AND GOOD OLD ROD... STRONG, VIRILE ROD. NOW... YOU USED TO MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A PUNY WORM!

NOW... AVERY...



HA! HA! REMEMBER THE TIME I TRIED TO FIGHT YOU BECAUSE YOU CALLED ME A PUNY LITTLE RUNT. WHAT A BEATING I TOOK! WHAT DO YOU DO NOW, ROD?

I'M A GYMNASIUM INSTRUCTOR IN A MEN'S HEALTH CLUB!



WHAT A WAY TO EXPRESS ONE'S FORCEFULNESS IN LIFE! HO! HO! BUT ENOUGH OF THIS. YOU'LL BE WANTING TO GET READY FOR DINNER! I'LL SEE YOU ALL AT EIGHT!



LATER  
AVERY GAVE ME A PECULIAR FEELING! I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY HE SEEMED TO BE GLOATING OVER US!

I CAUGHT IT TOO! BUT WE DID GIVE HIM A HARD TIME IN COLLEGE! YOU CAN'T BLAME HIM FOR WANTING TO GLOAT A LITTLE!



AT DINNER  
WE AREN'T THE ONLY GUESTS, ARE WE, AVERY?

BUT OF COURSE, DEAR ANN! I WANTED THIS WEEK-END TO BE A VERY PERSONAL ONE... WITH ONLY MY GOOD FRIENDS OF COLLEGE DAYS! WE'LL BE MERRY... THE FOUR OF US... I PROMISE YOU!



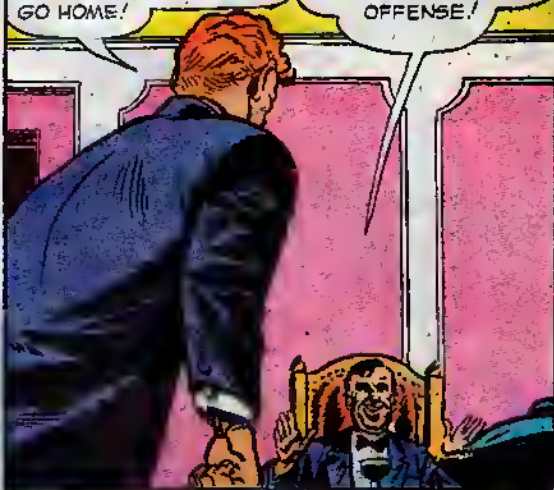
BUT AS THE EVENING WORE ON, IT WAS FAR FROM MERRY!

I WAS NOTHING IN COLLEGE... BUT NOW... NOW I'M THE WEALTHIEST CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER IN THE WORLD! EVERYDAY, I AND THE SCIENTISTS I EMPLOY FIND STRANGE NEW FORMULAE TO CHANGE MEN'S LIVES! AND YOU... YOU ARE NOTHING... NOTHING!



WE DON'T HAVE TO SIT HERE AND LISTEN TO THIS! COME ON FRANK... ANN... LET'S GO HOME!

TUT... TUT... ROD... HASTY AND IMPULSIVE AS EVER! I MEAN NO OFFENSE!



OF COURSE YOU'LL STAY! I PROMISE TO SAY NOTHING BUT NICE THINGS ABOUT MY DEAR OLD FRIENDS!

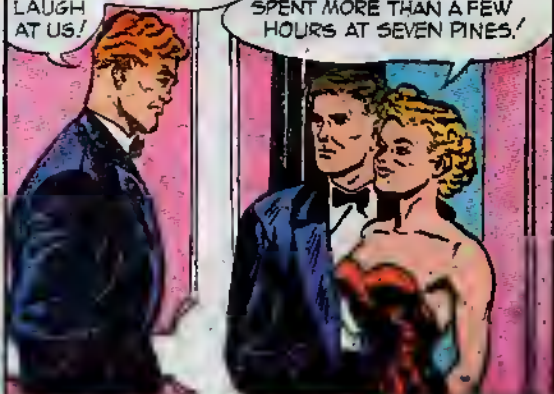
ALL RIGHT, IF YOU PROMISE, AVERY!



AND WHEN THE EVENING CAME TO AN END...

WHY DID YOU TELL HIM WE'D STAY, ANN? IT'S OBVIOUS ENOUGH THAT HE INVITED US HERE TO LAUGH AT US!

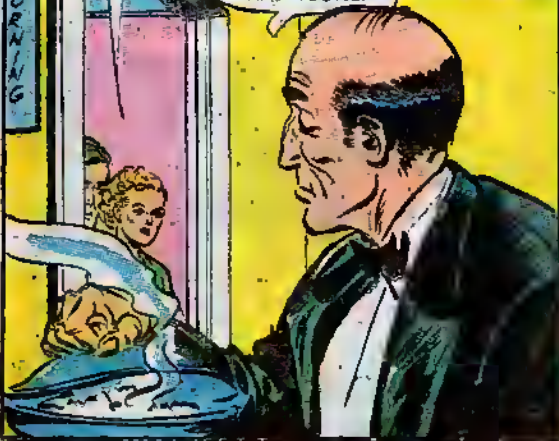
FOR ONE THING, IT'S TOO LATE TO DRIVE HOME TONIGHT. FOR ANOTHER, I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY I ACTUALLY SPENT MORE THAN A FEW HOURS AT SEVEN PINES!



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HASN'T MR. LAWTON COME DOWN YET?

HE'S ALREADY HAD HIS BREAKFAST, MADAM! HE WOULD LIKE YOU AND THE GENTLEMEN TO JOIN HIM AT THE POOL WHEN YOU'VE HAD YOURS!



LATER, EXPRESSIONLESS EYES WATCHED FROM THE LABORATORY WINDOW AS THE GUESTS WALKED TO THE POOL...

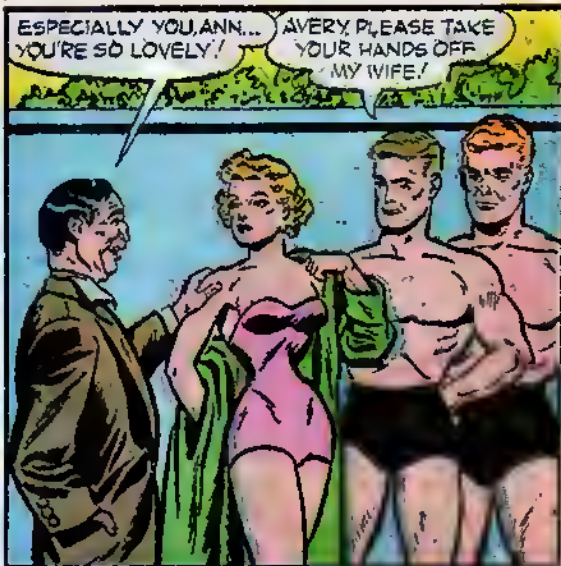






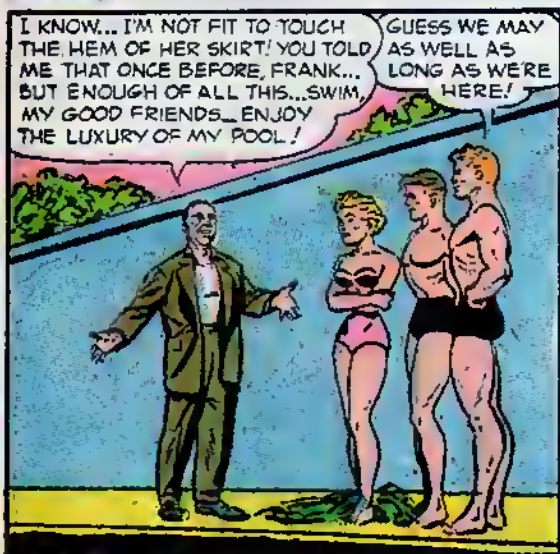
EVERY, YOU WANTED US  
TO MEET YOU HERE... BUT  
YOU AREN'T GOING  
SWIMMING?

OF COURSE NOT! CAN YOU  
IMAGINE HOW I'D LOOK  
IN BATHING TRUNKS  
ALONGSIDE YOU THREE?



ESPECIALLY YOU, ANN...  
YOU'RE SO LOVELY!

EVERY, PLEASE TAKE  
YOUR HANDS OFF  
MY WIFE!



I KNOW... I'M NOT FIT TO TOUCH  
THE HEM OF HER SKIRT! YOU TOLD  
ME THAT ONCE BEFORE, FRANK...  
BUT ENOUGH OF ALL THIS... SWIM,  
MY GOOD FRIENDS... ENJOY  
THE LUXURY OF MY POOL!

GUESS WE MAY  
AS WELL AS  
LONG AS WERE  
HERE!



**SUDDENLY...**

**NO  
WAIT!**



HA! HA! HA! A BEAUTIFUL DIVE,  
MY FRIENDS... A VERY BEAUTIFUL DIVE!



YOU... YOU DID IT...! I  
DISCOVERED IT TOO LATE  
OH, IF ONLY YOU'D FAILED  
...IF ONLY IT DIDN'T  
WORK!

QUIET, YOU GARRULOUS  
FOOL! I WANT THE  
UNDISTURBED PLEAS-  
URE OF SEEING  
THEM COME UP!



MOMENTS LATER THERE WAS A RIPPLING OF THE WATER... AND THEN...

HERE THEY COME... MY BEAUTIFUL, MY HANDSOME, MY STRONG FRIENDS!

NO!



LOOK AT THEM! HA! HA! HA! THE POWERFUL ROD BAKER! THE OH SO HANDSOME FRANK KENDALL... AND LOVELY ANN, THE HEM OF WHOSE SKIRT I WAS UNFIT TO TOUCH!

YOU MONSTER!



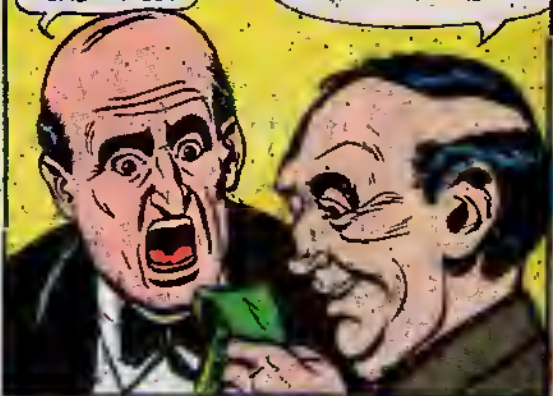
BUT I CAN FONDLE THE HEM OF HER SKIRT NOW... OR HER ROBE!

YOU'RE A MADMAN! I SUSPECTED IT WHEN I'D COME TO YOUR ROOM BEFORE YOU WERE AWAKE AND HEARD YOU MUTTERING YOUR HATRED FOR THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE!



I HAD A PREMONITION YOU WOULD DO SOMETHING TO THEM! I REMEMBER THE GUINEA PIG AND HOW ONE DAY I FOUND ITS SKELETON IN THE TANK ON THE LAB TABLE!

HA! HA! I WAS HAPPY THAT DAY! IT WAS THE DAY I PERFECTED THE FORMULA THAT WOULD DESTROY EVERY VESTIGE OF ANIMAL FLESH IN A FEW MOMENTS!



SOMETHING TOLD ME TO GO TO THE LABORATORY A LITTLE WHILE AGO... IF ONLY I HAD DONE IT SOONER I'D HAVE KNOWN WHAT YOU WERE PLANNING!

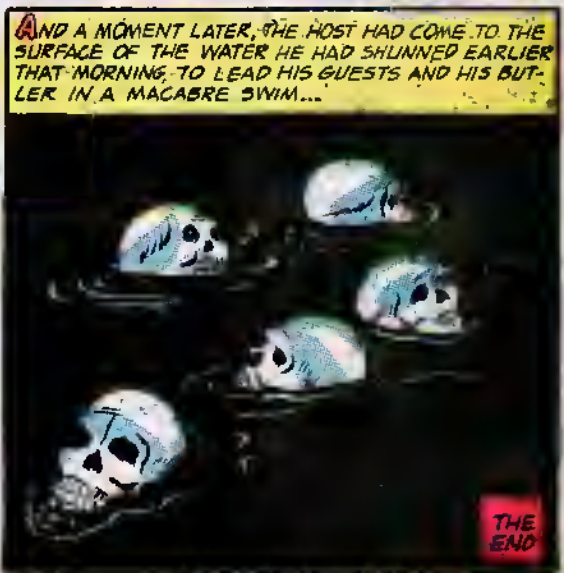
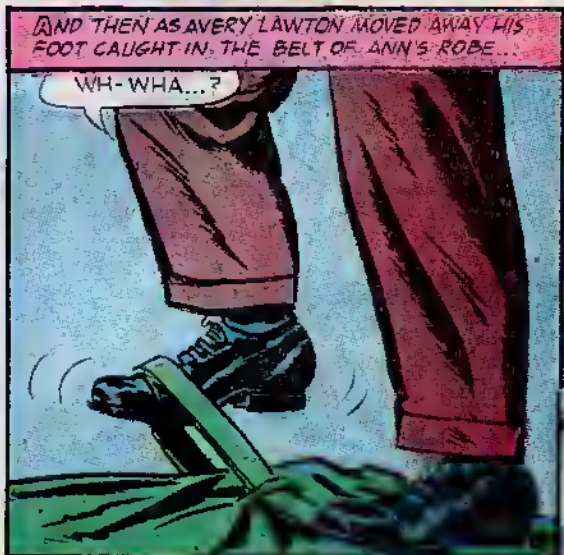
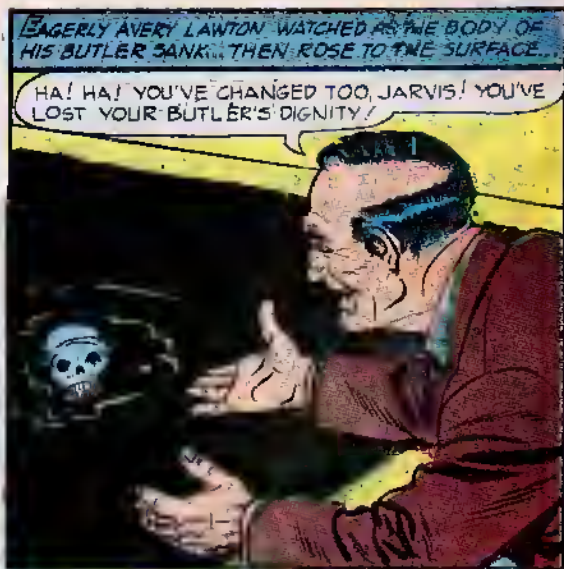
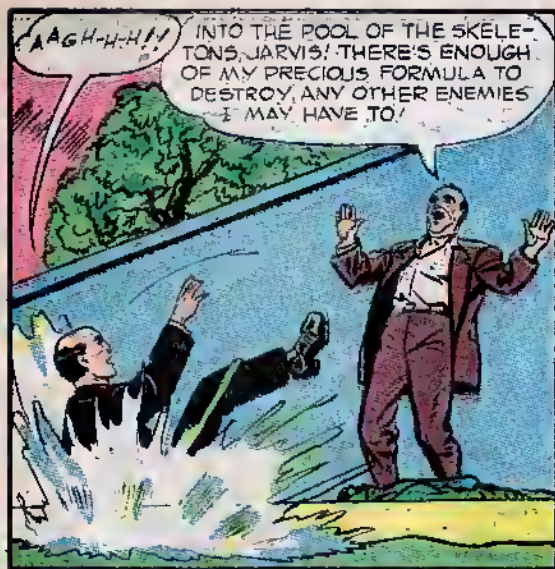
I KNEW YOU'D BEEN SPYING ON ME! IT'S THE REASON I DIDN'T SEND YOU AWAY TO-DAY... BECAUSE I'D HAVE TO DESTROY YOU ANYWAY!



IN FACT I'M GOING TO DO IT RIGHT NOW!







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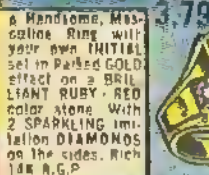
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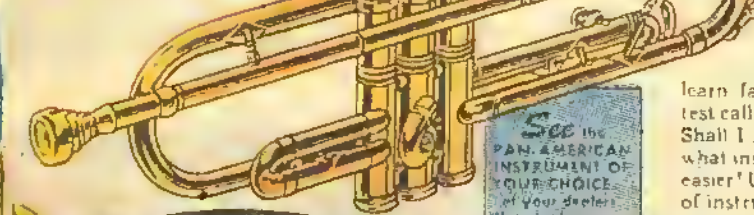
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# THE WITNESS!

I'VE BEEN (GASP)  
...WANTING TO  
DO THIS FOR A  
LONG TIME...  
YOU SQUEALING  
RAT!

PLEASE... GIVE  
ME A BREAK!  
HELP!



THE GUN THUDDED DOWN. HE CRUMPLED TO THE  
FLOOR... BUT THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO...

HE LAY THERE, DEAD... MY BEST FRIEND! I  
STRAINED FORWARD, TUGGING WITH ALL MY  
STRENGTH. IF ONLY I COULD GET AT THE  
MAN WHO HAD KILLED HIM! BUT I COULD  
NOT... A QUIETLY, THE MURDERER TIP-TOED OUT...





THAT LAST SCREAM OF HIS KEPT RINGING IN MY EARS... BUT OURS WAS THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LAST STREET OF A LONELY SUBURB, OUR NEIGHBORS HAD MOVED TWO WEEKS AGO... SO NOBODY ELSE COULD HAVE HEARD IT... EXCEPT THE MURDERER AND ME...! THE NEXT MORNING, MRS. DONAGHUE LET HERSELF IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR. MRS. DONAGHUE WAS THE CLEANING WOMAN...



QUICK...GIVE ME THE POLICE! A MAN'S BEEN MURDERED!



THE POLICE CAME... THEY TURNED THE PLACE UPSIDE DOWN... LOOKING FOR CLUES. IF ONLY I COULD HAVE SPOKEN TO THEM .... BUT I COULDN'T...!

YEAH, I KNOW THE STIFF. HIS NAME WAS LOU FALLON... HE USED TO BE IN THE RACKETS. HE'D BEEN STOOL-PIGEONING FOR A WHILE NOW. SOMEBODY MUST'VE GOTTEN WISE...

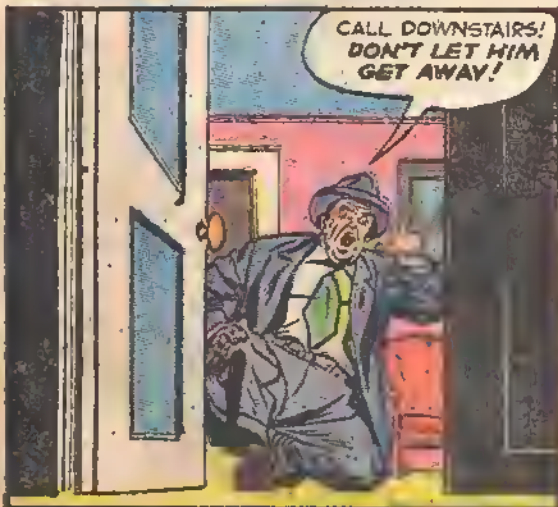


YOU CAN SAY IT'S A REGULAR GANG KILLING, NO SUSPECTS YET, NO CLUES...NOTHING! AND OFF THE RECORD, WE GOT AS MUCH CHANCE OF CATCHING THE MURDERER AS YOU HAVE OF MARRYING GRETA GARBO!



JUST THEN ONE OF THE DETECTIVES BEGAN WALKING TOWARD ME! HE WAS A SQUAT MAN WITH TIRED EYES. HE STOPPED, THEN FOR A LONG MOMENT HE JUST STOOD THERE, CHEWING A FRAYED TOOTHPICK. THEN HE STEPPED CLOSER...

I WAS FLEEING! BEFORE THEY COULD GRAB ME, I WHIZZED THROUGH THE DOOR...



CALL DOWNSTAIRS! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

SOMEBODY YELLED DOWN FROM A WINDOW! THE COP STATIONED OUTSIDE THE HOUSE TRIED TO GRAB ME... BUT I SWERVED, AND HE MISSED, AND I GOT AWAY! NOW AT LAST, I WAS GOING TO DO SOMETHINGS...!





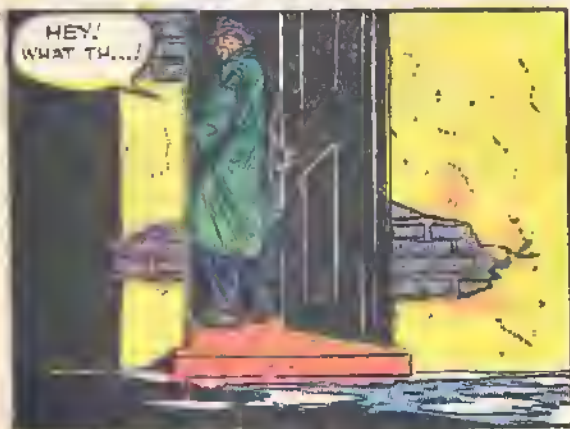
**I KNEW THE MURDERER... AND I KNEW WHERE HE LIVED! I TOOK A SHORT CUT... THROUGH TWISTING ALLEYS, OVER SPLINTERED FENCES, ALONG JAGGED RAILINGS...**



**THE DOOR OF HIS HOUSE WAS LOCKED! I COULDN'T RING AND I COULDN'T PUSH IT OPEN. I HAD TO WAIT PATIENTLY IN THE SHADOWS...**

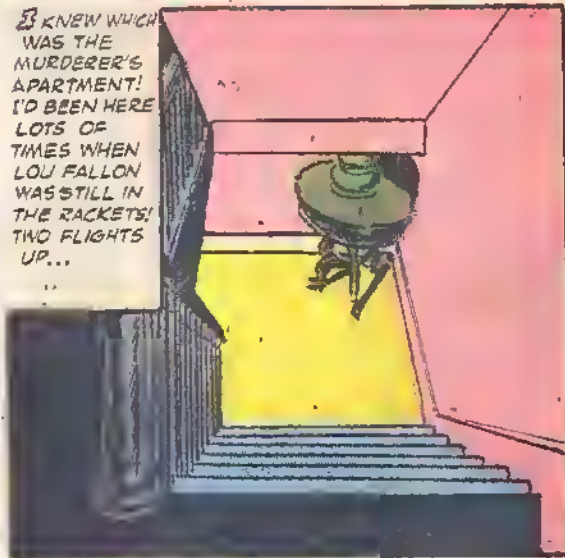


**I DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT... SOON A MAN CAME UP THE STREET. HE STOPPED BEFORE THE MURDERER'S HOUSE, AND REACHED IN HIS POCKET FOR HIS KEYS... THE DOOR WAS STILL SWINGING BEHIND HIM WHEN I PUSHED MY WAY THROUGH...**



HEY!  
WHAT TH...

**I KNEW WHICH WAS THE MURDERER'S APARTMENT! I'D BEEN HERE LOTS OF TIMES WHEN LOU FALLON WAS STILL IN THE RACKETE! TWO FLIGHTS UP...**



**I MADE NOISES OUTSIDE HIS DOOR. I WAITED... THEN I MADE MORE NOISES... THEN I HEARD HIS FOOTSTEPS... SLOW, CAUTIOUS, BUT CURIOUS. THE DOOR OPENED...**



NO! IT  
CAN'T  
BE...!

**BUT IT WAS! I WAS LOU FALLON'S DOG! I'D BEEN CHAINED TO THE WALL DURING THE MURDER... BUT THE DETECTIVE HAD SNAPPED THE CHAIN OFF MY COLLAR AND NOW I WAS FREE TO AVENGE MY BEST FRIEND'S DEATH!**



ARRRR  
YESS!

THE  
END



# DOORWAY TO DARKNESS

**J**ONAS COREY was a clever man. He was also a hard, ruthless and treacherous man. But you'd never believe that if you saw him. Stout, ruddy-faced, with a twinkle in his eyes, and a smile on his face, Corey looked more like Santa Claus after a shave.

Far into the night, Corey would sit quietly at his old-fashioned rolltop desk. His office was an old warehouse, and his business was as old as crime. He was a receiver of stolen goods.

Usually, as he sat at his desk and pored over an old ledger filled with meaningless numbers, he would be listening . . . listening for the stealthy step on the old wooden stairs that led up to his office. Some petty thief would be bringing him a watch, a portable radio or any of the hundreds of stolen items that found their way into his hands. But this night was a special night. He listened with a tense expectancy. Ricky Saunders was coming to visit him.

The word had gone out that Saunders needed him for a special business transaction. Corey did not need to inquire as to its nature when he sent word to Saunders he would be available. He had his own ways for getting information. And the information was that Saunders had the Gilroy diamonds.

Now Saunders was coming to see him, nine months after the diamonds had been stolen. Corey chuckled, his whole flabby body shaking as he did. Saunders was broke and hunted by the police. That was the condition Corey liked to have his clients in when he dealt with them. And when his plan had been worked out, Saunders would be paid off in death.

Corey looked up from his desk and glanced around the room. At the farther end, partly blocked by several crates which cast a shadow over it, was the door. Opening outwardly into the darkness beyond, it was much like any door leading to another room. But this one led to an open shaft that once had served the warehouse's elevator.

A stealthy creak of the wooden floor outside the door made Corey turn back to his old ledger. Softly, the doorknob turned. The door opened and someone stepped into the room, shutting the door noiselessly.

Corey did not look up. He was thinking, "A dead man has come to see me . . . only Saunders doesn't know he's dead, yet."

Aloud, Corey said, "You don't have to be so careful, Saunders."

"You got eyes in back of your head?" Saunders asked in a hoarse voice.

"No," Corey replied. "I got ears. This building is so old, I can hear anyone coming up the stairs long before they get here."

"You got a rat trap here," Saunders said, moving closer to the desk.

Corey swiveled around in his chair and faced his visitor. "Depends on how you look at it." He jerked his thumb toward the back of the room, toward the door. "Take a look that way."

"Saunders' nervous eyes flicked in the indicated direction, then back to Corey. "A door?"

"That door is another way out of here," Corey smiled. "A trap with two ways of getting out isn't much of a trap, is it."

"Maybe you're not so dumb," Saunders admitted.

"I heard you coming in from the moment you entered this building," Corey explained. "Now if it had been a cop—I'd have been gone long before you reached this floor."

"You'd hear a cop a couple of floors below?" Saunders asked.

"Years of practice . . . training myself to hear and identify every sound. No magic about it," Corey laughed good-naturedly. "I had to develop this trick to stay in business. Cops come here all the time . . . to look around. Long before they're on my floor, I've got all the hot stuff hidden away."

"Well, I got to admit you've been around."

"I have. So I'm not afraid of cops." "Just the same, I'd rather not be around when the coppers pay you a visit," Saunders said, glancing around into the dark corners of the room with a nervous shrug of his shoulders.

"The sooner we get through our business," Corey suggested "the sooner you can get out."

"Yeh," Saunders replied. He reached into his pocket and pulled out a dirty kerchief bound tightly into a knot. He tossed it to the desk. "That's it."

"The Gilroy Diamonds?"

"All of them," Saunders said, glancing around. "This place gives me the creeps."

Corey did not listen to him. With shaking fingers, he undid the knots and opened the kerchief in front of him. His fat fingers caressed the glittering gems.

"The word I got," Saunders said, "was that you'd pay twenty grand for the stuff."

Corey looked up, sharply. "What's that? Twenty grand? Who said that?"

"Here and there, some of your stooges,"



Saunders replied.

Corey snorted contemptuously. A jeweler's glass in his eye, he bent over the precious stones.

"They're the real stuff," Saunders said.

"Beautiful," Corey murmured. "But I'll never be able to get rid of them."

"Do I get the twenty grand or don't I?"

Corey did not reply. He cocked his head to one side, listening.

"Well?" Saunders asked. "Cut out the stalling . . ."

Corey held up his hand. "Keep quiet!"

Saunders' eyes turned hard, alert. "What's up?"

"Anyone follow you here?" Corey asked.

"No. I made sure."

"Someone's coming up the stairs," Corey announced sharply. He listened for a moment. "Two of them!"

"This is an old building. It's full of all kinds of noises . . ."

"I know every sound in here," Corey said. He knotted the diamonds in the kerchief and pushed it toward Saunders. "Here, take this stuff and get out."

"Give me the dough!" Saunders said. "I don't want the ice." As Corey hesitated, he added, "I came for the dough and I'm getting it."

Corey shook his head, and the next instant found himself staring into the mouth of an automatic.

"All right," Corey said. "But all I'll give you is ten grand."

Saunders' face turned white with fury. He stared at Corey in bitter silence for a long moment, saying nothing. His eyes filled with hatred.

"Make up your mind," Corey said. "I can hear the footsteps on the second landing. They'll be coming up to this floor in another minute."

"All right," Saunders said. "Ten grand."

Corey pulled a paper wrapped packet out of his desk and handed it to Saunders.

"Get out the back way," he said, jerking over his shoulder toward the rear door.

Saunders stuck the gun into his belt. He weighed the packet of money in his hand, thinking. "If you're trying to put something over on me . . . I'll come back."

"I'll be here," Corey replied. "Now get going, and close the door behind you."

Corey turned to the kerchief on his desk. Behind him, he heard Saunders' swift steps across the room. Corey's fingers caressed the stones through the cloth. But his mind was drinking in every sound behind him.

He heard the creak of the hinges as the door was opened . . . he heard the startled gasp . . . the instinctive cry for help as it trailed down and into echoing silence.

He relaxed. The shaft was too deep for

him to hear the thud of Saunders' body landing below. He had no need to hear that! This was not the first man to step off into the shaft . . . not the first who had walked out with a packet of old papers cut deceptively to the size of money . . . not the first to die leaving a fortune in his hands.

Then he heard the sound of footsteps on the stairs. There had been no one there when he tricked Saunders into walking into the elevator shaft. Now there was someone coming up, slowly, painfully. But this was no figment of his imagination.

With swift dexterity, he wrapped up the diamonds and slipped them into a secret compartment in his desk. He turned, a smile on his face as the door opened.

Saunders was standing in the doorway!

Fear twisted the smile from his face! The chair crashed as he sprang to his feet!

Saunders held out to him the now opened packet of old newspapers.

Through his shattered, bloody face, Saunders said, "You double-crossed me!"

"A mistake!" Corey cried out. "I gave you the wrong package!"

"It wasn't no mistake," Saunders said, advancing toward him slowly.

"I'll give you the cash," Corey pleaded, backing away. "Ten grand! No . . . twenty grand! Cash! In small bills!"

"I said I'll come back!" There was no anger in his voice. "I'm back, Corey!"

Corey backed away, pleading. His mind was working furiously. "My plan didn't work!" he was thinking. "I got to figure something out! Got to gain time!"

Step by step, Corey went back as Saunders advanced on him. The crates were at his elbow now . . . back he went . . . each footstep groping carefully. And then he knew he was near the door of the shaft. He stepped back again and felt the empty space behind him, and fell backwards.

The air rushed past him swiftly. His brain was numb with the knowledge that he was going to die in another instant.

Then he hit the bottom! Strangely, there was no pain, just a dull, clinging softness against which he felt himself pressing.

Corey could move one hand. He touched another body lying beside him. He was conscious enough to realize that this must be Saunders!

A happy thought came into his mind. "My plan did work, after all!" His thoughts began to slip away from him. "Saunders is dead here beside me! He couldn't have come upstairs to me!"

He tried to remember who did come to him upstairs but couldn't.

Then blackness swept over his mind . . . forever!



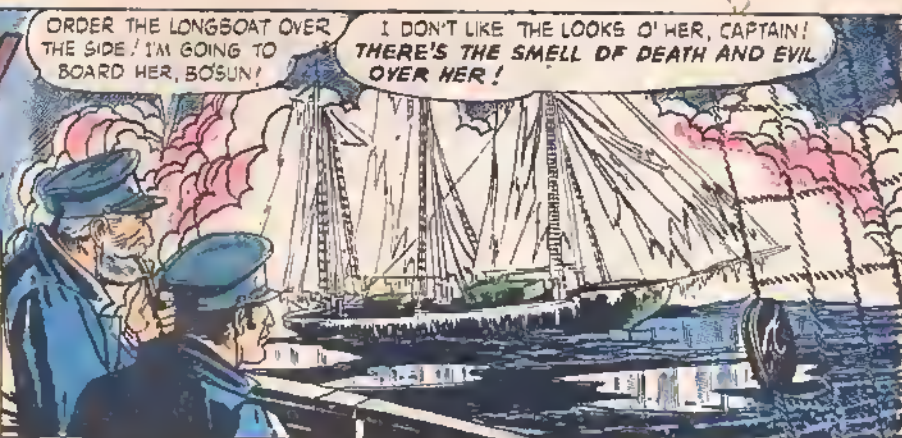
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ORDER THE LONGBOAT OVER THE SIDE! I'M GOING TO BOARD HER, BO'SUN!

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS O' HER, CAPTAIN! THERE'S THE SMELL OF DEATH AND EVIL OVER HER!

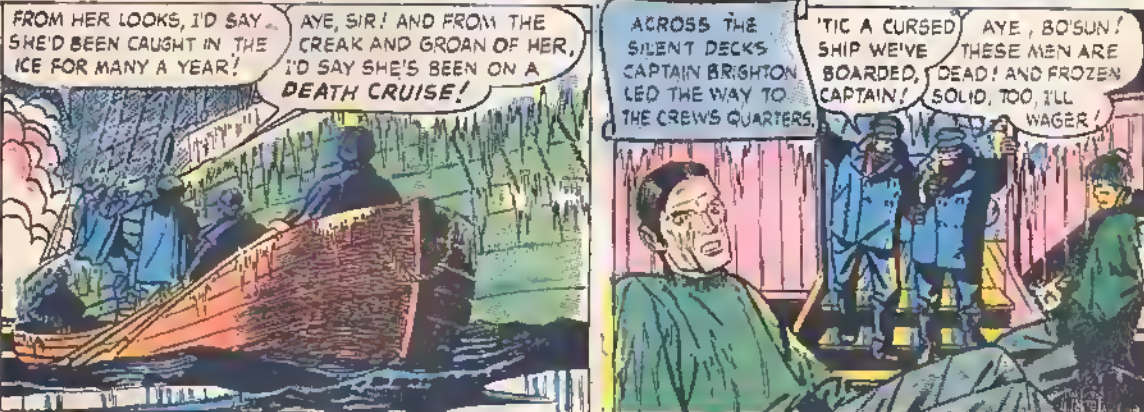


FROM HER LOOKS, I'D SAY SHE'D BEEN CAUGHT IN THE ICE FOR MANY A YEAR!

AYE, SIR! AND FROM THE CREAK AND GROAN OF HER, I'D SAY SHE'S BEEN ON A DEATH CRUISE!

ACROSS THE SILENT DECKS CAPTAIN BRIGHTON LED THE WAY TO THE CREWS QUARTERS.

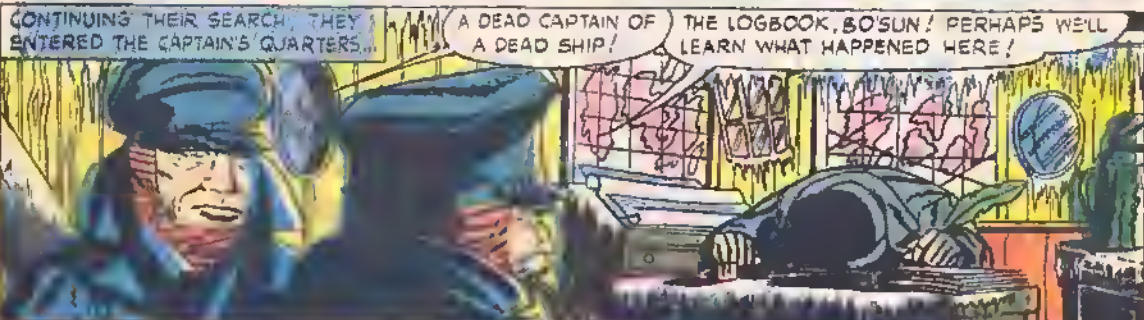
'TIC A CURSED SHIP WE'VE BOARDED, CAPTAIN! THESE MEN ARE DEAD! AND FROZEN SOLID, TOO, I'LL WAGER!



CONTINUING THEIR SEARCH, THEY ENTERED THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS...

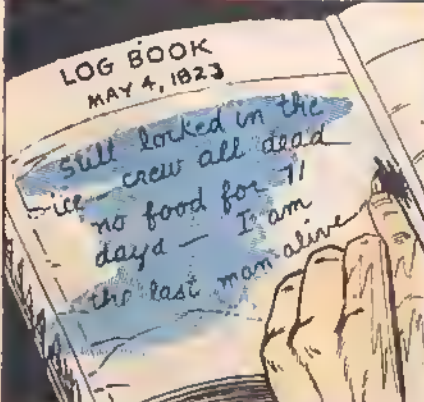
A DEAD CAPTAIN OF A DEAD SHIP!

THE LOGBOOK, BO'SUN! PERHAPS WE'LL LEARN WHAT HAPPENED HERE!



LOG BOOK  
MAY 4, 1823

Still locked in the ice - crew all dead - no food for 71 days - I am the last man alive



THEY'VE DRIFTED FOR 37 YEARS! WE'LL LEAVE THESE MEN IN PEACE... TO SAIL ON INTO ETERNITY!

SOME UNSEEN CURRENT TURNED THE DERELICT'S BOW. THE MEN OF THE WHALER "HOPE" KNEW ONLY THAT SHE CAME OUT OF THE ICE WITH A DEAD CREW... THEN TURNED BACK TO VANISH IN THE POLAR MISTS - NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN!





# The Big Snake

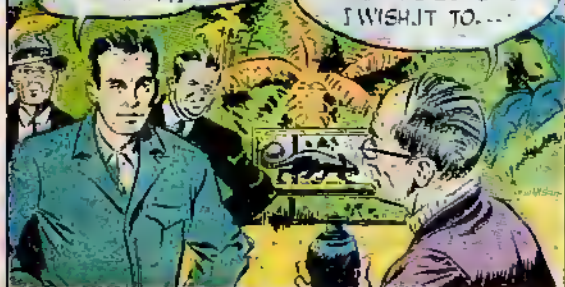


THE FANTASTIC DREAM OF A POWER-MAD MIND COMES TRUE... AND BUILDINGS CRUMBLE. AUTHORITIES ARE POWERLESS, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FLEE IN PANK FROM AN UNBELIEVABLE CREATURE! ALL MANHATTAN ISLAND BECOMES THE CAPTIVE IN THE MIGHTY COILS OF **THE BIG SNAKE!**

JOHN REID, LEADER OF A COMMITTEE FROM THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH LEAGUE, FACES SCIENTIST PAUL VALE AT VALE'S LABORATORY ON A TINY ISLAND OFF FLORIDA....

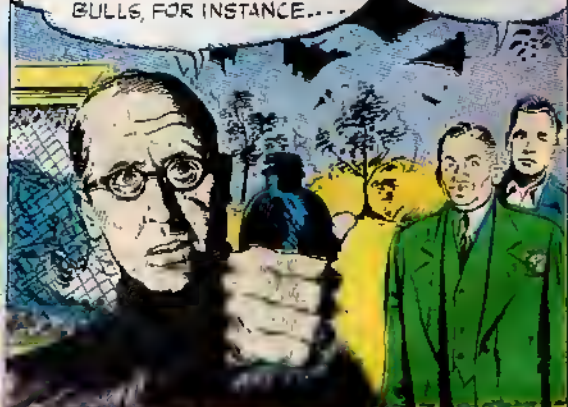
THE ANSWER IS DEFINITELY NO, PAUL. WE ADMIT YOUR SERUM WORKS... BUT IT'S ALL AGAINST THE LAWS OF NATURE! WE REFUSE TO PERMIT IT.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, JOHN. I MIX MY SERUM WITH BLOOD BEFORE INJECTING IT, NOT ONLY DOES THE INJECTED ANIMAL GROW AS LONG AS I WISH IT TO...

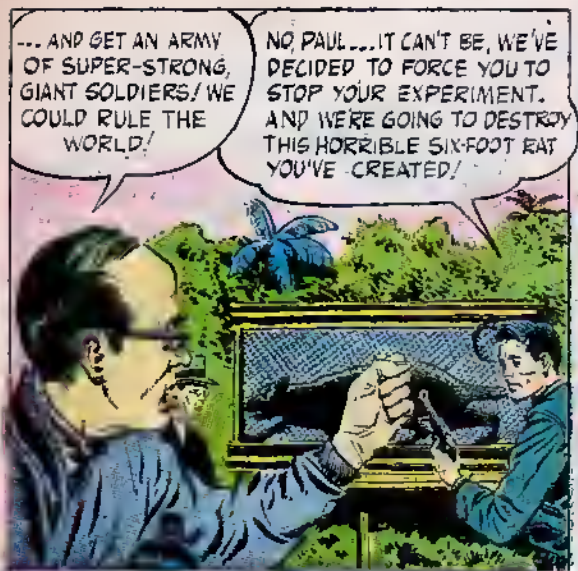


BUT THE INJECTED ANIMAL TAKES ON THE CHARACTERISTICS FROM THE ANIMAL FROM WHICH THE BLOOD CAME. THINK OF IT! WE COULD INJECT OUR ARMIES WITH THE BLOOD OF BULLS, FOR INSTANCE....

LOOK AT HIM, REID. I THINK HE'S GONE MAD WITH THIS THING!







... AND GET AN ARMY OF SUPER-STRONG, GIANT SOLDIERS! WE COULD RULE THE WORLD!

NO PAUL... IT CAN'T BE, WE'VE DECIDED TO FORCE YOU TO STOP YOUR EXPERIMENT. AND WE'RE GOING TO DESTROY THIS HORRIBLE SIX-FOOT RAT YOU'VE CREATED!



NO! YOU MUSTN'T!

AND YOUR GIANT RABBIT, TOO!



FIVE YEARS OF MY LIFE... GONE! YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT, JOHN REID! IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, I'LL GET EVEN...!

ONE MORE THING WHERE IS THE SNAKE YOU USED FOR YOUR FIRST EXPERIMENT?



IT... IT ESCAPED! BUT I'LL GO FIND IT. YOU JUST WAIT HERE AND...

WAIT, PAUL. WE'RE TAKING YOU BACK TO NEW YORK. YOU NEED A DOCTOR!



THINK I'M CRAZY, DO YOU? WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU! YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME IN THAT JUNGLE. I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND FINISH MY EXPERIMENT! AND THEN I'LL COME TO NEW YORK AND PROVE IT!

DON'T RUN PAUL, WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!



AND I'LL FIND YOU JOHN REID! I'LL GET EVEN WITH YOU!

GOOD LORD IN HEAVEN... LOOK!

PAUL! PAUL! LOOKOUT! BEHIND YOU!

NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!-





I'LL FIND YOU JOHN REID, AND... OOOOHHHHH!

THAT THING MUST BE TWO HUNDRED FEET LONG!

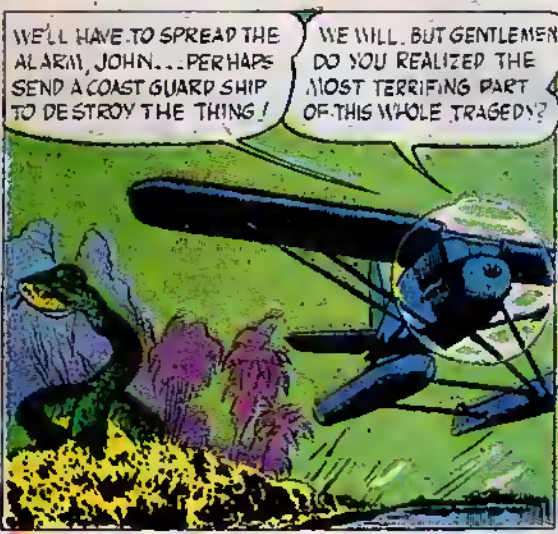
RUN, PAUL! RUN!



IT'S HORRIBLE! I CAN'T LOOK!

WE CAN'T HELP HIM NOW, SO WE'D BETTER SAVE OURSELVES! RUN FOR THE PLANE!

THE SCIENTISTS REACH THEIR PLANE SAFELY, AND TAKE OFF

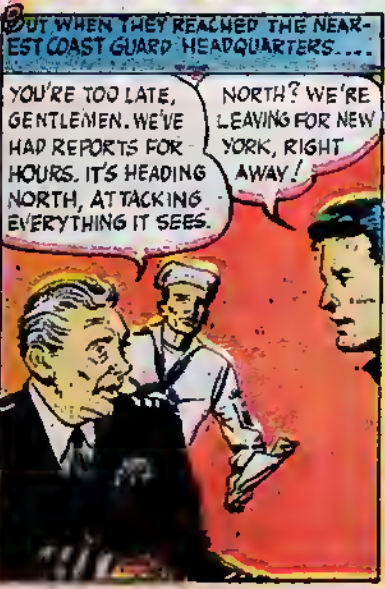


WE'LL HAVE TO SPREAD THE ALARM, JOHN...PERHAPS SEND A COAST GUARD SHIP TO DESTROY THE THING!

WE WILL, BUT GENTLEMEN DO YOU REALIZED THE MOST TERRIFYING PART OF THIS WHOLE TRAGEDY?



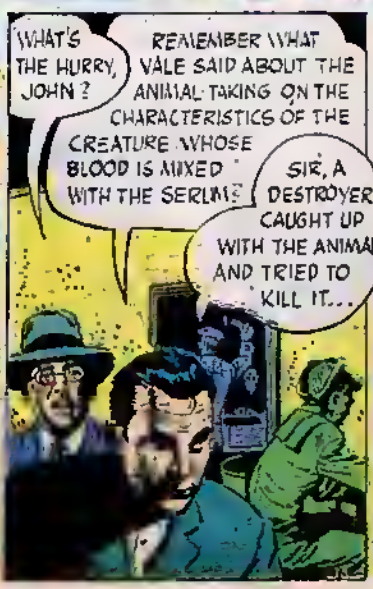
THAT MONSTER, WHEN IT SWALLOWED VALE, SWALLOWED HIS WHOLE SUPPLY OF SERUM! ENOUGH TO KEEP IT GROWING LARGER AND LARGER FOR WEEKS!



BUT WHEN THEY REACHED THE NEAREST COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS...

YOU'RE TOO LATE, GENTLEMEN. WE'VE HAD REPORTS FOR HOURS. IT'S HEADING NORTH, ATTACKING EVERYTHING IT SEES.

NORTH? WE'RE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK, RIGHT AWAY!



WHAT'S THE HURRY, JOHN?

REMEMBER WHAT VALE SAID ABOUT THE ANIMAL TAKING ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CREATURE WHOSE BLOOD IS MIXED WITH THE SERPINE

SIR, A DESTROYER CAUGHT UP WITH THE ANIMAL AND TRIED TO KILL IT...

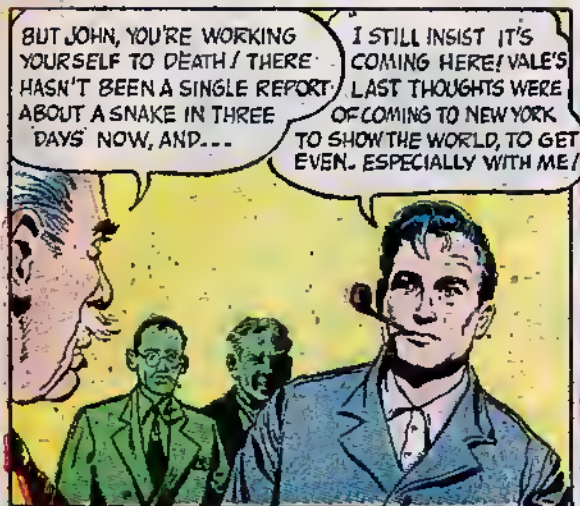


IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN PAUL VALE IS PART OF THAT SNAKE! AND IF VALE'S BRAIN IS GUIDING THAT MONSTER...THEN I'M SURE IT'S HEADING FOR NEW YORK!

...AND IT SANK THE DESTROYER SIR!



**SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN JOHN REID'S LABORATORY  
IN NEW YORK...**



BUT JOHN, YOU'RE WORKING YOURSELF TO DEATH! THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE REPORT ABOUT A SNAKE IN THREE DAYS' NOW, AND...

I STILL INSIST IT'S COMING HERE! VALE'S LAST THOUGHTS WERE OF COMING TO NEW YORK TO SHOW THE WORLD, TO GET EVEN. ESPECIALLY WITH ME!

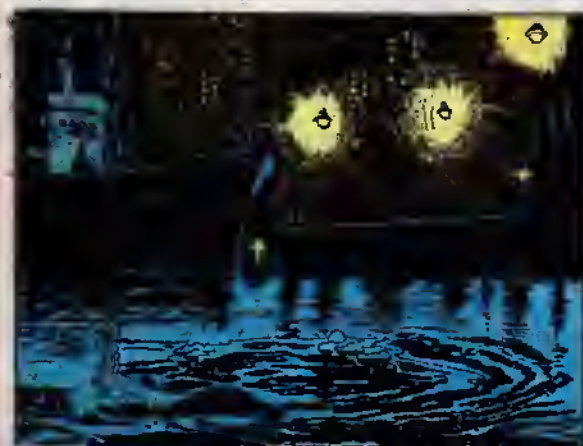
NOW I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO WORK. I MUST HAVE AN ANTIDOTE READY... SOMETHING TO MAKE A LIVING CREATURE SHRINK, THE OPPOSITE OF VALE'S SERUM!

BUT... OH WELL IF YOU MUST, JOHN, THEN WE'LL PITCH IN AND HELP!



**A**N HOUR BEFORE DAWN OF THE NEXT DAY ONLY THE MOAN OF THE DISTANT FOGHORN DISTURBS THE NIGHT. THE WATERS ARE BLACK, STILL AND SILENT. BUT LOOK AGAIN... NOW THE WATERS ARE SWIRLING, HEAVING...

**A**ND SUDDENLY A MONSTROUS, NIGHTMARISH HEAD RISES FROM THE DEPTHS!



**S**LOWLY THE BIG SNAKE DRAGS ITS FANTASTIC LENGTH INTO THE STREETS OF MANHATTAN... WHERE MILLIONS OF UNSUSPECTING PEOPLE LIE SLEEPING!

**A** LONELY POLICEMAN WALKS HIS BEAT NEAR THE WATERFRONT. SUDDENLY HE RAISES HIS EYES, AND...



WHA... ???!!! GLORY BE, IT CAN'T BE... BUT IT IS!



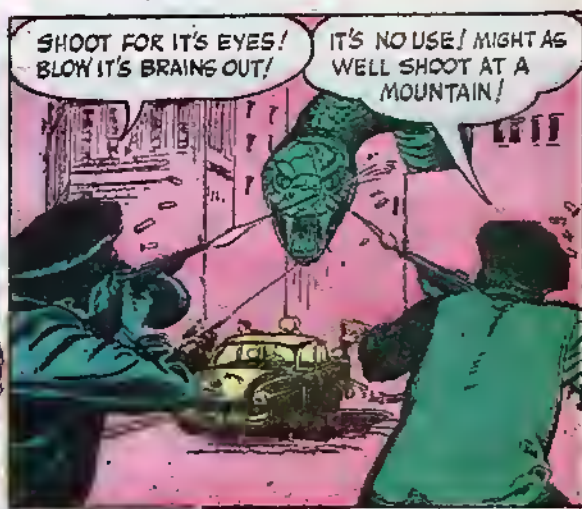




**I**N NO TIME, THE GREAT PANIC IS ON!



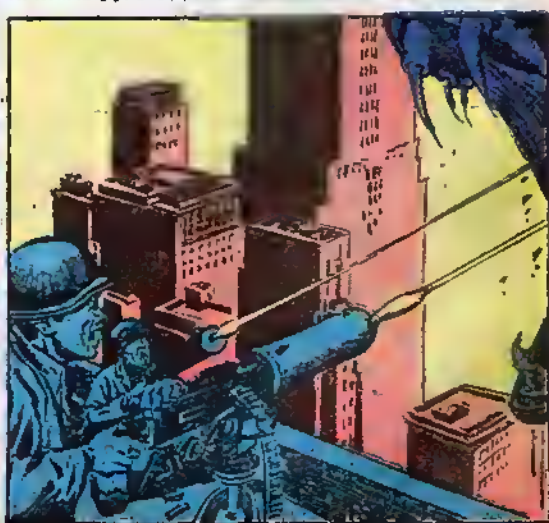
**P**OLICE ATTACK THE INVADER WITH EVERY WEAPON AT THEIR COMMAND....



**B**UT THE GIGANTIC MONSTER IGNORES THEIR PUNY EFFORTS!



**T**HE NATIONAL GUARD IS CALLED. BUT THEIR HEAVY MACHINE GUNS ONLY SUCCEED IN ENRAGING THE SNAKE...

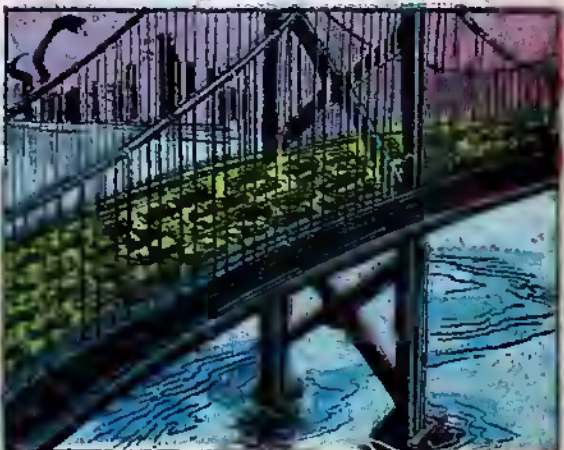




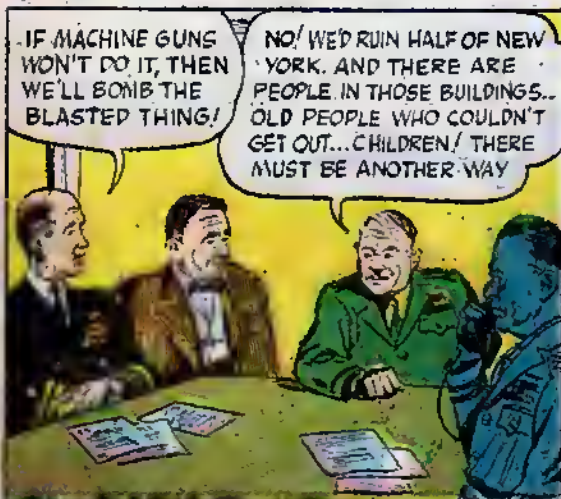
AND DOZENS OF MEN DIE IN THE HOPELESS BATTLE!



THE RELENTLESS GIANT CRAWLS TOWARD MIDTOWN, CRUSHING ALL BEFORE IT. BY EVENING, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE JAM THE BRIDGES AND TUNNELS, MANHATTAN IS EVACUATED!



IN WASHINGTON, THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IS IN A DEADLOCK...



IF MACHINE GUNS WON'T DO IT, THEN WE'LL BOMB THE BLASTED THING!

NO! WE'D RUIN HALF OF NEW YORK. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THOSE BUILDINGS... OLD PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T GET OUT... CHILDREN! THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY

DAWN OF THE NEXT DAY REVEALS THE BIG SNAKE COILED AROUND THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, THE TALLEST STRUCTURE IN THE WORLD! IT'S MASSIVE UGLY HEAD WEAVING THROUGH THE SKY OVER MANHATTAN... VICTORIOUS OVER THE WHOLE CITY!

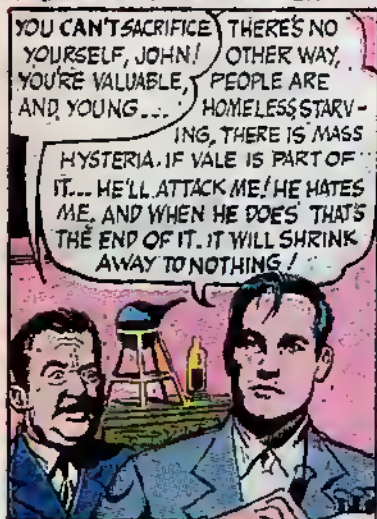


WE'VE GOT IT! THIS FORMULA WILL REVERSE VALE'S SERUM AND SHRINK THE SNAKE!

BUT HOW? HOW? THE POLICE SAY THE SNAKE HASN'T EATEN A THING SINCE IT ARRIVED!



**IN JOHN REID'S LABORATORY A MOMENTOUS DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED.**



YOU CAN'T SACRIFICE YOURSELF, JOHN! YOU'RE VALUABLE, AND YOUNG... THERE'S NO OTHER WAY. PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS, STARVING, THERE IS MASS HYSTERIA. IF VALE IS PART OF IT... WE'LL ATTACK ME! HE HATES ME, AND WHEN HE DOES THAT'S THE END OF IT. IT WILL SHRINK AWAY TO NOTHING!

WELL, GENTLEMEN... WITH MY ROCKETS FULL OF OUR SERUM, AND MY HEART FULL OF HOPE... I BID YOU GOODBYE!



THERE GOES A BRAVE MAN!

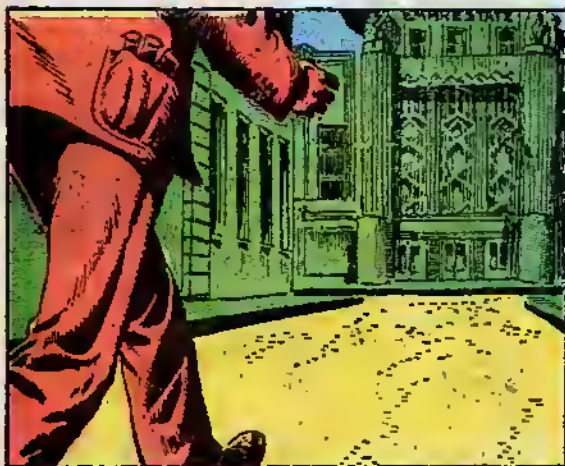
LET'S WATCH... AND SEE...

I PRAY HIS PLANS SUCCEED!



**ALONE, JOHN REID WALKS THE EERIE, DESERTED STREETS OF MANHATTAN, REACHING THE HUGE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING....**

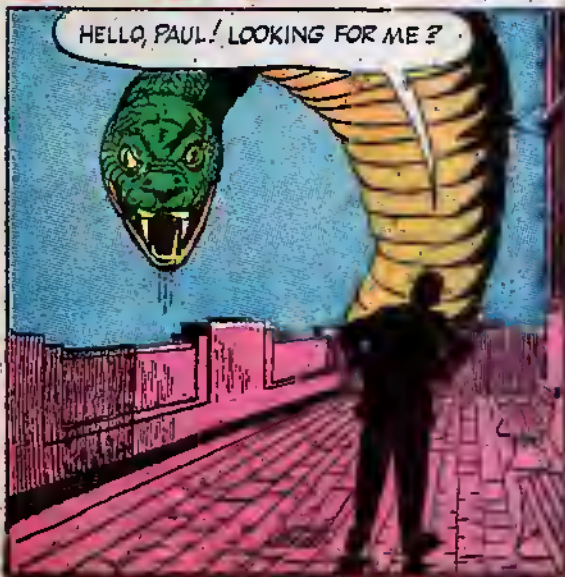
**HE CLIMBS THE EMPTY, ECHOING STAIRS TO THE OBSERVATORY ROOF, NEARLY ONE HUNDRED FLOORS ABOVE THE GROUND, AND...**



WELL, HERE I AM! QUIT STALLING, JOHN REID... AND OPEN THE DOOR!



HELLO, PAUL! LOOKING FOR ME?



WELL YOU INSANE NIGHTMARE... HERE I AM!





AT THE MOMENT, BACK AT THE LABORATORY....

HE'S THERE! HE...HE JUST STEPPED ONTO THE ROOF!



THE SNAKE... IT'S STRIKING! GENTLEMEN... JOHN REID WAS RIGHT!

GOODBYE, JOHN. GOODBYE, OLD FRIEND!



AN HOUR PASSES, AND THEN A RADIO MESSAGE IS FLASHED TO THE WAITING WORLD....

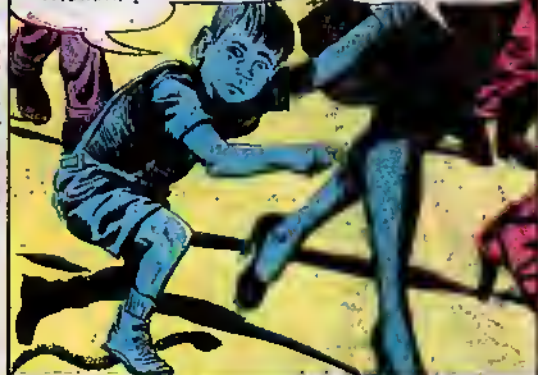


AND NEW YORKERS THROG BACK INTO THEIR STREETS IN A HOLIDAY MOOD!

TWO HOURS LATER, ON FIFTH AVENUE, A LITTLE BOY IN THE HAPPY CROWD SPOILS HIS MOTHER'S CELEBRATION....

MOMMY, LOOK! A NASSY QL' WORM! I STEPPED ON 'IM, MOMMY!

DON'T JOHNNY YOU'LL DIRTY YOUR SHOES...

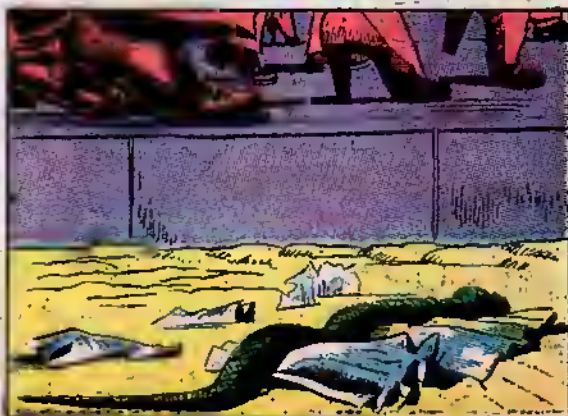


NASSY, CRAWLY LI'L THING! THERE!

OH, JOHNNY! NOW WE'LL HAVE TO GO HOME AND CHANGE YOUR SHOES!



AND SO, FORGOTTEN IN A DUSTY GUTTER, THREE LIVES COME TO AN END... PAUL VALE, BRILLIANT MAN WITH AN INSANE DREAM; JOHN REID, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE CITY HE LOVED... AND ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THE GIANT MONSTER THAT CAPTURED A CITY... THE BIG SNAKE!





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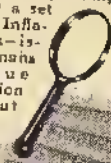
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